

Middletown Public Schools -Board of Education

BOE Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2020

The meeting was held at the Macdonough School and was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Deborah Cain (Chairperson), Peter Staye, Marco Gaylord, Sean King, John Giuliano, Dan Penney, Vinnie Loffredo, Michael Harris and guests from Eversource Patrick Burns, Jack Cunningham and Andy Brydges

I. Introductions – Guests from Eversource were introduced.

II. Presentation of Results for Energy & Deferred Maintenance Audit (M. Harris)

Michael Harris had devised a “Energy Efficiency Program” with \$80K budget for audit of schools for reasons being first that LED is a superior idea and second that the program can be used as a tool for other projects. The lighting savings can be used for other projects as well. ESC does not only have to use a Snyder product and is currently doing a HVAC program in Somers, CT., along with other projects in New Britain and Wesleyan University.

The Eversource representative went through the energy program and purpose was to reduce the use by 2039. They were also looking at the energy efficiency at each of the Middletown schools under the “Energy Audit Findings.”

The “Energy Efficiency Program” would include for example the Spencer School boilers and hot water pumps. If lighting was listed by itself, we could get 20% lower but incorporating other problems would bring additional savings. The State adopts a national code and the Building Committee has the final say. Devices would have to be tested yearly at a cost of \$23K each year.

The gas line is now in the hands of the City and the Community Center will have the proper amount of gas consumption to obtain the free gas line. It is up to the City to decide if they want to connect to the gas by 2025 for the free installation.

III. Review of the January 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Minutes were accepted by John Giuliano and Sean King.

IV. New Woodrow Wilson Middle School Update/Status

The construction is proceeding and the retaining wall is up with slabs going in next week. March 7th the assembly crane will be assembled which will lift the steel following 80-days of steel erection. Fire, Police and ambulance departments are all fine with this. The hallways

and restrooms will have fire detectors however the budget will increase by \$3K to \$5K for them.

The Mayor will sign off for Eversource which would also entail connecting to the Community Center within 2 years or pay \$50K which was not acceptable so it was changed that the Community Center would change over to natural gas in 5-years.

The cost cannot be calculated at this time.

V. Tour of Macdonough School by Principal Damian Reardon

Principal Reardon stated that he was pleased with the way the work order system has been working with many things getting done. Lighting in parking lot has been upgraded and better visibility at night thanks to Marco Gaylord and Peter Staye.

There has been a new front door as well as kindergarten doors installed and stairwells A & B have been painted. He is hopeful for a third custodian where now there are only two; a day and a night custodian to do all the work.

New lighting and ballasts are scheduled to be replaced in the Cafeteria along with some additional security items as window film has been installed along with new radios and an alert system that staff can use to lock down with one button.

The playground and sidewalk are new also. Mr. Reardon praised Bob Mounts for all the help he has given to him and his staff.

The next meeting will be March 18, 2020 at 5:30 PM at the Spencer School library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 PM by Deborah Cain & seconded by Sean King.

Minutes recorded by Leslie A. Spatola.

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Facilities Committee Recording Secretary